

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION****STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE****DOCKET NO. [2020-63-E](#) ORDER NO. 2020-70-HA (Amended)****JULY 27, 2020**

Jo Anne Wessinger Hill  
Standing Hearing Officer

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

Petition of Bridgestone Americas Tire Organization, LLC for an Order Compelling Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated to Allow the Operation of a 1980 kW AC Solar Array as Authorized by State Law

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Respondent Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Motion for Protective Order treating as confidential the version of the direct testimony of Mark C. Furtick and Joseph L. Hodges filed in this matter as confidential, and the surrebuttal testimony and accompanying surrebuttal exhibits for witnesses Matthew J. Hammond and Pandelis N. Xanthakos filed on July 14, 2020.

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER ACTION (AMENDED):**

On June 30, 2020, counsel for Respondent Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated ("DESC" or "Respondent") filed a Motion for Protective Order requesting confidential treatment for the unredacted version of the direct testimony of Mark C. Furtick and of Joseph L. Hodges and for protection barring release and disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §§ 30-4-10, et. seq.

On July 14, 2020, counsel for Respondent DESC filed a Second Motion for Protective Order requesting confidential treatment for the unredacted version of the surrebuttal testimony and accompanying unredacted surrebuttal exhibits for witnesses Matthew J. Hammond and Pandelis N. Xanthakos filed with the "Confidential" mark with the Commission and for protection barring release and disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §§ 30-4-10, et. seq.

In accordance with S.C. code Ann. Regs. 103-829(A), an interested party to this matter may timely submit a response to a motion within ten (10) days of service. The time for response has passed and the Petitioner's Motion is timely before the Commission's Standing Hearing Officer for consideration.

No person or party in the docket made any comment regarding the request made by the Respondent. The Respondent states that the unredacted direct testimony of Mark C. Furtick and of Joseph L. Hodges filed under seal in this docket by the Respondent contains protected information, commercially-valuable and proprietary information of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated (“DESC”) and that public disclosure of these details can result in direct, immediate and economic harm to DESC.

DESC’s motion is seeking to protect the confidentiality of unredacted information in the direct testimony of witnesses Mark C. Furtick and of Joseph L. Hodges. DESC filed redact public versions of the same removing the commercially sensitive information.

The request for confidential treatment regarding the unredacted direct testimony of witnesses Mark C. Furtick and of Joseph L. Hodges is granted. This confidential testimony is exempt from disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §§ 30-4-10, et. seq., pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-804(S)(1).

The public versions of the direct testimony (less any confidential information) of witnesses Mark C. Furtick and of Joseph L. Hodges filed in the Docketing Management System (DMS) may be subject to disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §§ 30-4-10, et. seq.

With regard to DESC’s Second Motion for Protective Order requesting confidential treatment for the unredacted versions of the surrebuttal testimony and accompanying unredacted surrebuttal exhibits for witnesses Matthew J. Hammond and Pandelis N. Xanthakos filed with the “Confidential” mark with the Commission and for protection barring release and disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §§ 30-4-10, et. seq., DESC asserts that the testimony contains protected information of a highly competitive nature.

The request for confidential treatment is granted for the unredacted versions of the surrebuttal testimony and for the accompanying unredacted surrebuttal exhibits for witnesses Matthew J. Hammond and Pandelis N. Xanthakos filed with the “Confidential” mark with the Commission. These confidential documents are exempt from disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §§ 30-4-10, et. seq., pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Reg. 103-804(S)(1).

The public versions of the surrebuttal testimony (less any confidential information) and of the accompanying redacted surrebuttal exhibits for witnesses Matthew J. Hammond and Pandelis N. Xanthakos filed in the Docketing Management System (DMS) may be subject to disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §§ 30-4-10, et. seq.